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Ms. Renata Hesse
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Dear Ms. Hesse.

I am the owner of one of the largest bicycle stores in Syracuse, NY. My business has been family-owned for more than thirty years, and has been able to thrive because of our reliance upon affordable and up-to-date technology.

Currently, Wayne's and Meltzer's Bike Superstore operates solely on Microsoft software. We depend on our software capabilities to handle everything from billing to inventory control. Many of our vendors such as Trek, Schwinn, Raleigh and Giant require us to do business with them using the latest technology.

The antitrust laws were meant to protect consumers, not for powerful companies to protect themselves from market competition. ProComp, AOL Time Warner, Sun and Oracle should stop encouraging the government to fight their battles for them in court and fight in the marketplace, where this battle belongs.

Our national economy is currently in a state of recession and the last thing business owners need is to have the price of technology and software skyrocket due to litigation and regulation of the high-tech industry.

Daniel W. Venditti

Owner